

Indiana Committed to Renewable Energy Sources

Commissioner J. David Donahue Delivers Innovative Solutions

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(L-R) Jim Hanson, John Murphy, VP, both of Johnson Controls, Lt.



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John Murphy

Governor Becky Skillman, and Indiana Dept. of Corrections Commissioner J. David Donahue, Wednesday, June 7, 2006 at a ceremony held at the Plainfield Correctional Center celebrating new energy management upgrades for Indiana Department of Correction facilities, including the installation of four Indiana corn-fueled biomass boilers, Plainfield, Ind. (PRNewsFoto/Johnson Controls, Inc., John Harrell).

Indianapolis, Indiana - (June 7, 2006) - Indiana's Lt. Governor Skillman, Indiana Department of Correction (DOC) Commissioner J. David Donahue, and John Murphy, Vice President and General Manager of Johnson Controls Inc., announced today that four state prisons will be converted to systems that burn corn for heat.

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"This contract will change the way we do business and affect all of corrections-- employees, offenders and facilities," said Commissioner Donahue. "These improvements include upgrades and retrofits to energy management systems, installation of water conservation devices, facility-wide lighting upgrades and a cleaner environment."

The Department of Correction will be installing four corn-fueled biomass systems at the Plainfield Correctional facility, Pendleton Correctional facility, Westville Correctional facility and Indiana State Prison. Indiana corn will fuel the boilers and Hoosier contractors will install them. Each year, the Department of Corrections expects to spend 2.6 million dollars buying Indiana corn - or more than 1.6 million bushels of corn grown on 116 thousand acres of Hoosier farmland.

"This is really a win, win deal," said Commissioner J. David Donahue. "Not only will Indiana farmers have a new market for their corn, the Department of Correction will save millions on energy costs."

"This project truly is Indiana people, growing and buying Indiana corn to improve the efficiency of Indiana facilities while having a global impact on the environment," said John Murphy, vice president and general manager, Johnson Controls. "Johnson Controls is excited to be a part of such a dynamic and innovative solution to energy concerns and aging facility systems."

"This plan also has a positive impact on taxpayers because it is self-funding: money saved from the energy savings will pay the debt service associated with this project. We are proud of the Department of Corrections for that money saving, fiscally-conscience idea," added Lt. Governor Skillman.

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.